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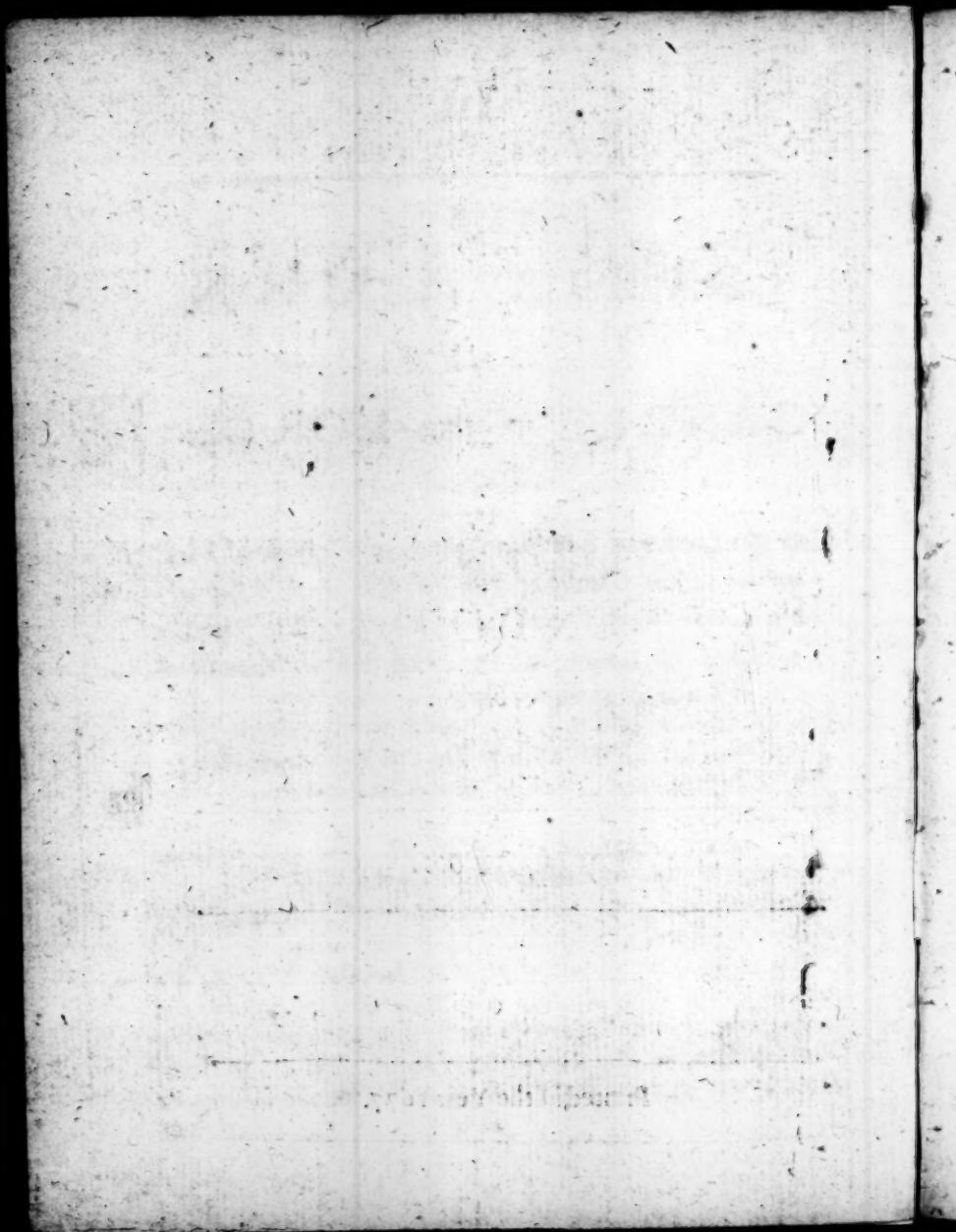
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How the Lord and Christ enlighten the Spirit of Man, which is the Candle of the Lord; and what are the Candlesticks, and how Christ walks in the midst of his Candlesticks; and how the Candle of the Wick'd often is put out.

Solomon saith, Prov. 20. 27. *The Spirit of Man is the Candle of the Lord, searching all the Inward Parts of the Belly.*

And David saith, Psalm 18. 28. Thou wilt light my Candle; The Lord my God will light my Candle.

So it was and is the Lord God that lighteth Man's Spirit, which is his Candle.

And in Ezek. 13. 3. saith Ezekiel, Thus saith the Lord, We unto the Foolish Prophets, that follow their own Spirit, and have seen nothing. And these were them that seduced the people For Handfuls of Barley, and Pieces of Bread, and daubed with Untempered Morter, that stood not in the Counsell of God, to

hear his Voice, and receive his Word. So their Spirits were not enlightened, as David's and Ezekiel's were; for their Candle was put out, and so they followed their own Spirits, and saw Nothing; for they forsook the Lord, that should have enlightened their Spirits their Candle.

And so all people that follow not the Lord, and hear not his Voice, nor stand not in his Counsel, that should enlighten them, they follow their own Spirits, and see nothing; for the Apostle saith, *The Things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God; and the Natural Man receives not the Things of the Spirit; for they are Foolishness to him, neither can he know them, because they are Spiritually discerned.* So Man's Spirit, which is the Candle of the Lord, it must be enlightened by the Spirit and Light of the Lord, that he may discern his things, and then his Spirit reveals the things of God unto him; for the Apostle said, *God had revealed unto them the things of God, by his Spirit; for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.* So here the Apostles Spirits were enlightened; for Christ had enlightened their Candle, 1 Cor. 2.

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And Solomon speaking of the Virtuous Woman, and of her Diligence, Prov. 31. saith, *Her Candle goeth not out by Night*: And further saith, *Strength and Honour is her Clothing, who opens her Mouth in Wisdom, and in her Tongue is the law of Kindness*. Now what Wisdom is this, and law of Kindness, which brought her, not to eat the Bread of Idleness? And what Strength and Honour was this, that was her Clothing, whose Candle went not out by Night?

For they that love not this Virtue; and this Wisdom, and live not in this law of Kindness, are not clothed in this Strength and Honour: For such are the Wicked, and such their Candle goes out when the Night comes.

And therefore they that keep their Eyes to the Lord, who enlightens their Candle, and then they keeping their Eyes to him their Candle will not go out by Night, but shine over all Darknes; for he and his Light was before Darknes was, that lights Man's Spirit, as it did David's.

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And the Lord sent his Prophets, rising up early, to tell *Jehoiakim* and the King, *How that he would bring Nebuchadnezzar upon them*, because of their Transgression of God's Law, and forsaking the Lord; and would bring their Land into Desolation; and that he would take away *The Light of their Candle*, &c.

And all this was, because of their grieving of the Lord, and Turning from the Lord, that the *Light of their Candle* should be taken away, the Light which lightens their Spirits, which is the Candle; and then their House becomes full of Darkness, and so become Natural Men, which know not the things of God; and then they may follow their own Spirits, like the foolish Prophets and see nothing of the things of God.

And *David* when he transgressed and grieved the Lord, he desired the Lord, that *He would not take from him his Holy Spirit, nor cast him from his Presence*; For the Spirit of God, and Light of God was that which lighted *David's* Spirit, by which he saw his Transgressions, & by which he turned to the Lord, & the Lord did forgive him, and removed his Sins as far from him, *As the East is from the West*, as you may see in *Psalms 51. 11.*

So it is the Lord that doth enlighten man's Spirit, his Candle with his Heavenly Fire, his Light, yea, all such as obey him.

And so it is the Lord that opens the Eye to see, and the Ear to hear; and it is the Lord that opens the Lips, and the Mouth to shew forth his Praise.

And *Ezek. 39. 29.* it is said, — *I have poured out my Spirit upon the House of Israel, saith the Lord God.* And here all may see, that by the Spirit of God their Spirits the Candle was enlightened, to know the law and things of God by the Spirit of God.

But when *Israel* rebelled against God's good Spirit, which he gave them, as in *Nehemiah 9.* and followed the foolish Prophets, that followed their own Spirits, and saw nothing, then
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their Candle went out: for they went from the Spirit of God that should light their Spirits their Candle, and so became wicked in their Spirits and Minds, and so their Candle went out, they being gone from God and the Light of his Spirit, who had enlightened them; and then how could their Candle but go out, when they turned their Backs from God, who did enlighten them by his good Spirit: For the Lord had bestowed a Multitude of his Mercies and Kindness upon them; and in his Love and Pity he redeemed them; and bore, and carried them all the Dayes of old, but they rebelled against him, and vexed his Holy Spirit; and therefore he turned to be their Enemy, as you may see in *Isa. 63*. And so they became wicked, and their Candle went out from God's Light; and how often had the Lord Mercy and called them back again, but they rebelled against him? And so as it is said, *How often doth the Candle of the Wicked go out?*

So here you may see that God poured out of his Spirit upon the House of *Israel*; and the House of *Israel* could not say, but they had God's good Spirit, by which they might come to know God's good Things, and do them, their Candle being lighted by it, though *They rebelled against it*, as in *Neh. 9*. *That he gave them his good Spirit, but they rebelled against it.*

And in *Isa. 63. 10*. *They rebelled against, and vexed the good Spirit of the Lord, and therefore the Lord turned to be their Enemy, &c.*

And so when Christ Jesus came, the *Jews* were in Rebellion against this good Spirit, and resisted Christ Jesus, that was conceived by the Holy Ghost; and so resisted Christ Jesus that came to take away their Sins; but they cleaved to their Sins, and chose a Murderer before him, and t. at-brought Destruction upon them all; for, turning from the Spirit of God, they turned from Christ their Saviour, and so the Lord turned down their City and Priesthood, and scattered them over all Nations.

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And it's said in *Joel 2.* and in *Acts 2.* That the Lord poured out of his Spirit upon all Flesh, [mark, upon all Flesh] that is, upon Jews and Gentiles (for it is said before, That he had poured out his Spirit upon the House of Israel, and they rebelled against it; but now it is said, The Lord poured out his Spirit upon all Flesh.

For *Joel* said, It shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all Flesh, and Sons and Daughters shall prophesie, and Old Men shall dream Dreams, and Young Men shall see Visions; yea, On very Servants and Handmaids will the Lord pour out his Spirit.

And after Christ was risen that the Holy Ghost fell upon the Apostles, which Christ had promised that he would send, which should lead them into all Truth; and that in it they should believe; and it should reprove the World of their Unbelief, &c. as you may see *Acts 2.* *John 15.*

So there is no Flesh dare say, but the Lord hath poured out of his good Spirit upon them, except they will give the Prophet and the Apostles the lye, and speak against the Promise of God and Christ, and against the Spirit of God in their own Consciences, which Spirit he hath poured upon all Flesh; and all that do rebel against this spirit, and say, that God hath not poured out of his spirit upon all Flesh, they give Christ, and the Prophets, and the Apostles the lye, and deny Christ's Promise, and speak against that which God hath spoken, and performed, and are the Wicked, whose Candle is put out, and does not shine, by erring from this spirit.

And so now, all Flesh, Jews, Gentiles and Christians, that rebel against this spirit, that God has poured out upon all their Flesh, those sons and daughters do not prophesie; for their Candle is gone out, they cannot prophesie: And those Old Men that rebel against this spirit, that God has given them, have none of the Dreams of God; for their Candle is gone out by Night, which was lighted by God's spirit.

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And all the Servants and Handmaids that rebel against God's spirit, that is poured upon their Hears and spirits, their Candle is gone out, so that they have no Visions of God; and so are become Rebellers against God's spirit, in the Gospel, and Christian Times, as the House of *Israel* did when God poured out of his spirit upon their House, and so turned their Backs upon the Lord, and became wicked, and then their Candle went out; and there all such follow their own spirits, and see nothing of the things of God; for the Natural Men perceive them not; for they are Foolishness unto them. For when their spirits become wicked, either *Jews* or *Christians*, they go from God's spirit, which would keep them in his Fear, who lights their spirits, which is the Candle of the Lord: For God lighted *David's* Candle his spirit, that he saw the state of the *Jews*, and beyond all their Figures and shadows, to Christ Jesus, and called him Lord: so that made him a Prophet, and a Seer, that he saw a far off; and so all the Prophets of God, whom God hath lighted their Candles their spirits, by his spirit and Light, so that they saw Christ Jesus, who was to come to end their Law, with all the Types, Figures and shadows.

But the Foolish Prophets that followed their own spirits, and saw nothing, but deceived the People for Handfuls of Barley, and Pieces of Bread, which the Lord sent his true Prophets to cry against, whose Candles he had lighted by his spirit, with which they saw the False and Foolish Prophets, and the *Jews* that followed them, that followed their own spirits, who followed them into Wickedness, and so became wicked like them, and so the Wicked's Candle went out; and though often the Lord brought them back again, and lighted their Candle, yet they turned from the Lord, and followed the Imaginations of their own Hearts, and then the Candle of the Wicked went out, when they rebelled against his Spirit, by which he enlightned them.

And Christ said to his Disciples, whom he had enlightned their Spirits their Candles, *You are the Light of the World, a City set on a Hill, that cannot be hid; neither do men light a Candle and put it under a Bushel, but on a Candlestick, that it may give Light to all that are in the House; let therefore your Lights so shine before men, that they may see your Good Works, and glorifie your Father which is in Heaven.*

So here Christ calls his Disciples, *The Light of the World*, whose Spirits he had enlightned their Candle; and so they were as a City set on a Hill, in God's Power, that could not be hid. So men outwardly do not put their Candle after they have lighted it, to see to do their Work by, under a Bushel; for that will hide it, and will not suffer it to give light to the House; but when the outward Candle is lighted by some outward Fire, if a man should set that Candle under a Bushel, and not set it on a Candlestick, they would think he was mad; for, if so people could not see what is in the outward House, because it doth not give Light to all that are in the outward House, to work, and do their Affairs and Business by, or to see what is in the House.

And so Christ who is the Light, who enlightens every man that comes into the world with his divine Light, which is called *The Life in the Word*, which was in the Beginning, who is the Light of the World; which is not a natural Light or a created Light, but a spiritual, Heavenly & divine Light, which enlightens every man's Spirit that comes into the World, his Candle; For, *The Spirit of man, is the Candle of the Lord*, and the Candlestick is every man's Body, Mind, Soul & Conscience, that with this Spirit their Candle being lighted, and set up in its Candlestick, he may see all that is in the House; and with this Light they may see Christ that dyed for them, and is risen for them. So come by this Light, which is Life in the Word, to be grafted into Christ the Word, which was in the Beginning, which lives and

and abides, and endures forever : And so to do the Work of God, and to see and believe in the Son of God. So this Light must shine, that others may see your good Works done in the Light, and wrought in God, and that they may glorifie your Father, which is in Heaven : And such let their Light shine before men. But they that hate the Light, and will not come to it, because it reprove them, and do not believe in it, they do not let the light, which is the life in Christ, shine before men, though it is in them to condemn them, and to let them see all their Evil Deeds, Thoughts, and Evil Words, and is as under a Bushel; but they will not come to it, though it is in them shining in their Darknes, but love the Darknes rather then it, because it will reprove them, to wit, the *Light*, which would enlighten their Spirits their Candle.

So this light of Christ, which enlightens every man that comes into the World, is not Natural, but enlightens man's Natural Spirit, which is the Candle; and they that love the *Light*, love that which lights their Candle their Spirit.

And so Christ saith, *This is the Condemnation, that Light is come into the World, but men love Darknes rather then Light; For every one that doth Evil hates the Light, neither cometh to it, lest his Deeds should be reprov'd.* So he hates the *Light*, which is the Life in Christ, which should enlighten his Spirit or Candle; so they do hate that which should enlighten their Candle, and so are like the *Scribes* and *Pharisees*, and *Jews*, and *Chief Priests*, that stoppt their Ears, and closed their Eyes, and would not see with their Eyes, nor hear with their Ears, neither Christ without them, nor his Light nor Spirit within them; neither with their Inward Eye nor Ear, nor Outward, as to obey him; for they were like the Ancient *Jews* their Fore-Fathers, *Whom God gave his Good Spirit unto, but they rebelled against it, and so against his Prophets :* And so their Children rebelled against his Son, who enlightned them; and hated his *Light*

his Life; and did evil; and so the Candle of such wicked ones is often put out; [for they] follow their own Spirits and see nothing of God's, nor Christ's things; but they follow their own Hearts Lusts, so as they come to be drowned, at last, in Perdition.

And in *Mark 4* Christ there speaking in Parables said, *How that the Cares of the World, and the Deceitfulness of Riches, and the Lusts of other things, choke the Word or Good Seed, and they become Unfruitful in whom it was sown, and these were such as were called Thorny Ground, that the Word was sown in. And the Good Ground in which the Word was sown, and it took good Root in them, are they that hear it, and receive it, and bring forth Fruit, some Thirty, some Sixty, some an Hundred Fold in this Life.*

And he further said unto them, *Is a Candle brought to be set under a Bushel, or under a Bed, or to be set on a Candlestick; for there is nothing hid that shall not be manifest, neither is there any thing kept secret, but that it shall come abroad; if any man hath an Ear to hear, let him hear.*

So the Ear that hears this must be opened with the Light of Christ, that hath enlightened his Spirit his Candle, by which he sees and hears what Christ hath spoken, and is the good ground, and brings forth Fruit, Thirty, Sixty, an Hundred Fold.

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But they that follow Christ, that does enlighten their Spirits their candle with his Spiritual and Heavenly Light, Christ saith, *They shall not walk in Darknes, but shall have the Light of Life:*

But they that hate the Light, and will not come to it, and love Darknes rather then Light, though they be enlightned with it, they have it to condemn them, who will not let it have a place in their Hearts to guide them, and to believe in it.

And so this Light of Christ, which enlightens their Spirits, manifests all Secret and Hidden Things to men and women; so then they must needs after come abroad, when they are known and seen.

So this Candle after it is lighted, is not to be put under a Bushel or Bed. Now this is a Parable; for you will say, it is Madnes for an outward man to put his outward Candle, which he hath lighted to do his work by, at an outward Fire, under a Bushel or a Bed, you will say, he is out of his Wits.

And therefore then, what Bushel, or what Bed is this, after Christ hath enlightned your candle, with his Divine and Spiritual Light, what Bed or Bushel are you thrusting it under, his candle after he has enlightned it? Are not you them that hate the Light, and would not have it seen, like the *Pharisees*, that loved not Christ the Light, which shined, that you will not let it stand in your Candlesticks, up in your House your Hearts, to give Light to all that is in the House, that you may see what you are doing in your House, and what evil company you keep in your House, in your Hearts all your Life Time; for there is Nothing Secret, but the Light will discover it; nor Nothing Hidden there in your House your Hearts, but the Light will manifest it: And there is nothing to the Believers in the Light of God, of the Things of God, Hidden or Secret, since the Foundation of the World, but the Light will reveal it, or manifest

manifest it to them, that they may preach it to others, that they may preach it on the House Top, Luke 8.16.

Now, *Everyone that doth evil, he hates the Light, which hath enlightened his candle, and will not come to the Light, because the Light will reprove him, and this Light is his condemnation; for he deserves it: And then, it may be he may say, It is not sufficient, that loves Darkness rather than Light.*

But Christ saith, *He that believeth and followeth me, and loveth the Light, shall not walk in Darkness, nor come into Condemnation; and he shall see his Deeds wrought in God.*

And he that believeth in Christ that doth enlighten him, his Spirit his candle, shall be saved; and he that doth not believe in Christ the Light, is condemned already; and the Candle of the Wicked is put out.

And again Christ saith in Luke 11. where he reproveth the Jews and sayes, *No man when he hath lighted a Candle puts it in a secret place, nor under a Bushel, but on a Candlestick, that they which come in may see the Light.*

The Light of the Body, sayes he, is the Eye, therefore, when the Eye is single, thy Body is full of Light; but, when thy Eye is evil, thy Body is full of Darkness; take heed therefore, that the Light which is in thee be not Darkness; if thy whole Body be full of Light having no Part dark, thy whole Body shall be full of Light, as when the bright shining of a Candle doth give thee Light,

Now these *Jews and Pharisees* were erred from the Spirit of God, which he had poured upon the House of Israel, which Spirit of God would have lightened their candles their Spirits; and their Light should have shined, and been up in the Candlesticks, and not under a Bushel, or in a secret place: Nevertheless these *Priests, Scribes and Pharisees*, which were erred from the Spirit that God had poured upon them, and made a Profession of the Law and Prophets without his Spirit, what a Bed and Bushel had they put their Light under, and yet would make

a Profession of God, and Christ to come, but were erred from the Spirit that God had poured upon them, and turned against Christ, who came to enlighten them, and every man, and therefore their Eyes were not single, but evil against Christ, who came to enlighten their Spirits their Candle; and they blasphemed against him: How therefore could their Bodies but be full of Darkness, and their Eyes not single?

And therefore all you that profess your selves Christians, upon whom God hath poured out his Spirit, and upon all Flesh; And Christ hath enlightned every man that comes into the World, to wit, their Spirits their Candles, with his Light, which is the Life in the Word, by which all things were made; and you call this Light, which is the Life in Christ the Word, *A Natural, Created and Dim Light, and of the Devil and Antichrist*; and some call it, *A Created and Insufficient Light*: Are not here your Eyes evil against the Light, that should light your Spirits your Candle, which Light is the Life in Christ the Word; and then how can your Bodies but be full of darkness, which have such evil and not single Eyes in you? Who are found in the same Spirit and Path as the *Jews* were, in your vain Janglings and Disputes against the Light of Christ, as the *Jews* of old about the Prophets Words, and against Christ; so are you jangling about Christ's and the Apostles Words, and are against the Light, which is the Life in Christ; following your own Spirits, and see nothing, Natural Men, that perceive not the Things of God, which to you are Foolishness.

So that which you call Light (how could Christ but say as he does) *Take heed therefore lest that Light which is in you be Darkness*, who reject the Light of Christ, *Pharisee and Jew* like, which should light your Candles your Spirits, that you may see Christ your Saviour, your Way, Truth and Life.

Now the single Eye that receives the Light of Christ, who lighteth his Spirit, with his Light, which is the Life; and the
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Candle being set up in its Stick, which gives light to all in the House or Body, so that the whole Body comes to be full of light, as a bright shining candle shines in an outward House, so his bright shining light and life shines in man's Body, whose Eye is single, so that his Body is full of light, which lights his candle; which light gives him *The Knowledge of the Glory of God in the Face of Christ Jesus*, that lighteth him, 2 Cor. 4.

And Christ saith in his Parable to the murmuring Scribes and Pharisees, that murmured against him because he received Sinners, *What Woman having Ten Pieces of Silver, if she hath lost one Piece; doth not light a Candle and sweep the House, and seek diligently till she have found it?*

Now mark, was there not something in these Sinners, that Christ was looking for in this Parable with his candle?

But this Woman she lights her candle at an outward Fire, and she sweeps her House, when her candle is lighted, with an outward Beelzebub, and diligently seeks it till she finds it, *and when she hath found it, she rejoices, and calls her Neighbours together and tells them, that she hath found her Piece of Silver.*

Now this is a Parable, but is not God's Silver lost in man and woman's soul House, since they sell; and in the Jews House since they erred from the Spirit of God? And must not every man and woman light their candle at God's and Christ's Spirit, light and fire? *Who is a consuming Fire to the Wicked; and, who shall sit as a Refiner's Fire, and burn up the Chaff with Unquenchable Fire.*

So must not every man and woman's Spirit, which is their candle, being lighted; must not they after their candle is lighted at Christ's light and fire, with which he burns up the chaff, forsake the evil and cleave to the good Spirit, and believe in the Light as Christ commands; and bring their Deeds to the Light, and so sweep the House with God's Beelzebub, with his Power and Spirit; and then they find the Pearl hid in their own Field, the

the leaven in the Three Pecks of Meal; and the Seed of the Kingdom like unto a Grain of Mustard Seed: And then they sell all that they have gotten since man was driven into the Earth, and fallen from the Image of God, to purchase the Field; for there is nothing will purchase the Field, but parting with all that man and woman have gotten and stored up, since they fell from the Image of God in *Paradise*.

And so all your Houses are dark and foul, and you cannot find God's Silver till your candles be lighted, by believing in the Light, which Christ lights your Spirits your candles withal.

And then, when your candle is lighted by Christ's Heavenly Light and Fire, you will see what a blasphemous Spirit you have entertained in your House, and have been married to, that has brought you to call the Light, which is the Life in Christ, *Natural & Created, Jack in the Lanthorn, of the Devil, Antichrist, the Quakers Idol, &c.* And with these blasphemous Words have blasphemed against the Heavenly-Divine Light, which is the Life in Christ the Word; by which all Things were made, *which lighteth every man that cometh into the world; which Light there was a man sent from God to bear Witness of, whose Name was John, that all men through him might believe.*

And he said, *He was not that Light*, though he was the greatest Prophet born of a Woman: But he said, *That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the World;* and the World was made by him, though they knew him not, therefore they were dark. *And he came to his own; to wit, the Jews, and they received him not,* they were so dark also; and this was true, the *Jews* received him not, but persecuted them that did receive him, and therefore they were blind, and they thought they were in the light, because they could say, *They were of Abraham;* but well might Christ say to them, *If that light that is in you be darkness, how great is that darkness?*

That would not receive Christ the Light, who had erred from God's Spirit, which he had poured upon their House.

And so Christ is the true Light, that lighteth every man's candle, every man's Spirit, which is dark and natural, though they hate it.

And so now, may it not be said of the Christians, as it was said of the *Jews*, who would neither see with their Eyes, nor hear with their Ears, who were wilful, *Christ came to his own, and they would not receive him*; what him would they not receive? They would not receive the True Light, that lighteth every man that cometh into the World, every man's candle and spirit which is dark and natural, and knows not the things of God; but those spirits and candles that are lighted believe in the Light, and they know the things of God that are revealed to them by the Spirit, and become children of Light.

And so you called *Christians* that will not receive him, to wit, Christ the Light, who are called after his Name *Christians*, and yet will not receive him that lighteth every man that cometh into the World; and you will have none of Christ's Light, nor believe in it, which is the Life in the Word, but follow your own Spirits and see nothing; Natural Men that see not the things of God, whose candles are put out; but to as many as believe in his Light, and receive him, *To them he gives Power to become the Sons of God.*

And this light shines in your darkness, and your darkness comprehends it not, who do the evil, and love the darkness rather than the light; and therefore the light is your condemnation, and you will find it sufficient to condemn you, though you say, it is not sufficient, by believing in it, to save you.

And so you called Christians and *Jews*, that have spoken so much evil against Christ and his Light the Life in the Word, by which all things were made; and do neither believe *John* the

the greatest Prophet born of a Woman, what he witnessed, and bore witness to, nor Christ the Light, though it may shine in your Darkness, yet you loving the Darkness more than the Light, and hating the Light, you cannot comprehend the Light with your Darkness; and this will be your condemnation, which would have enlightened your candles your spirits, that you might see your Sin, and see your Saviour, him who enlightens you.

Now *Aaron* the High-Priest lighted the seven Lamps in the Candlesticks, that stood in the Tabernacle (a perfect Number) as in *Numb. 8. 2, 3.* And the Candlesticks were made of pure Gold; and *Aaron* had the charge of these Candlesticks, and of the Lamps to light them; and he was to cause the Lamps to burn always in the Tabernacle of the Congregation, without the Vail, as in *Exod. 27. 20.*

And *Aaron* the High-Priest, who was anointed to that Office, was to dress the Lamps, which was a Type of Christ our High-Priest, whom God hath anointed with the Holy Ghost, who lights with his everlasting Light (not Natural; for that they had before) the Lamps or Spirits of men, with his everlasting Light and Fire, without the Vail, that they see over all Vails, and the bright shining of their Lights is to be seen abroad to the Election before the World began. So this everlasting Light and Fire must shine and burn in every one's Tabernacle; and their Lamps and Spirits being lighted, then the sweet pure Incense is offered up to the Heavenly God, in his pure Heavenly Fire from his Altar, the pure Heart that sees God, which *Aaron's* Incense was a Type of, as in *Exod. 30.*

And *Aaron* made the Candlesticks of pure beaten Gold, a Metall wherein is no Dross: so man must be moulded and purified, and all the Filth in Mind, Soul and Spirit must be beaten, tempered and hammered down, before he be a fit Candlestick to stand in the Tabernacle of God.

And the Apostle in *Hebrews*, comes to shew the End of all those Offerings, and Candlesticks and Tables, and golden Censers, and Arks :—And all those things that were held up by the Law and First Covenant, as may be seen in *Heb. 9.* throughout, and other Places. And how Christ came, as in the Volume of the Book to do the Will of God, and he said, *Lo, I come to do thy Will Oh God, to take away the First Covenant, Law and Priesthood, that I may establish the Second*: Blessed be his Name for ever, as you may see in *Heb. 10. 9.*

And so Christ is our High-Priest, that gives Light and Fire to the Lamps, and lights the Candles the Spirits of Men, with his Heavenly, Divine Light and Fire, so that their Lamps may burn alwayes in the Tabernacle or Temples, which their Bodies are the Temples of God: For *Aaron* lighted the outward Lamps and dressed them, and the Candlesticks:—But Christ lights the inward and dresses them. And *Aaron's* seven Lamps which were outward, were a Type of the seven Lamps of Fire, which burn before the Throne of God, which seven Lamps are the seven Spirits of God *Rev. 4. 5.*

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And unto the Angel of the Church of Ephesus write these things saith he, to wit, Christ, that holdeth the Seven Stars in his Right Hand, who walketh in the midst of the Seven Golden Candlesticks: I am he who lives forever, who was dead; but behold, I am alive for evermore, and have the Keys of Hell and Death, Rev. 1, 2. chapters.

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first and last, and the Head of his church; and he walketh in the midst of his Seven golden candlesticks, that is, in the midst of his churches his People: And they whose candles their Spirits he has lighted with his Holy and Divine Light and Fire, see him to walk in the midst of his Seven golden churches, and there exercising his Offices, as he is a King to rule in their Hearts, and as he is a Priest, who offered up himself for them, and who offers his People to God without Spot or Blemish, and as he is a Prophet he opens to his churches, and they hear him the spiritual man, what he saith to the churches.

Now all the false churches who will not own him in his Light, that lighteth every man's Spirit or candle, that believe in it, it is their condemnation.

And they that do believe in the Light which Christ hath enlightened them withal, are Children of the Light, and so Members of the true church which Christ is the Head of.

Now they that do evil and hate the Light, which should enlighten their candle their Spirit (like the *Jews, Scribes and Pharisees* and *Chief Priests, Christians* or others) and set up churches, and have Elders and Members like the *Pharisees*, and they cannot see Christ walk in the midst of their churches, that do not believe in Christ the Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the World; for, how can they that hate his light, which should enlighten their Spirits their Candles; therefore they cannot be called the Golden Churches, that are made up of the beaten Gold, that is tried in the Fire.

And so *Revelation* is a Mystery to them, though *John* had been a Fisherman, and one that could not read the letters, but you did not read that the Seven golden candlesticks, which were the Seven churches did tell *John*, that what he wrote was Mysteries to them; and that they did not understand it; for Christ had enlightened their candles that they might see; and he walkt in the midst of these Seven churches, and therefore they

they that do not see, do not believe in Christ, who lighteth their Spirits, their Minds, and Hearts and, Understandings ; so cannot be grafted into Christ the Life, but by Belief in Christ the Light.

For Christ said, *He that hath an Ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith to the Churches ;* and you that have not the same spiritual Ear cannot hear what the Spirit saith to the Churches : And you that say you have not the same Spirit as the Apostles and the Churches had ; and say, that the Spirit does not speak now adayes, as it did in the Apostles dayes ; your Ears are stopt, and you are not like to hear what the Spirit saith to the Golden Churches.

But Christ who was the Beginning and the Ending, the First and Last, and the same yesterday, to day and forever ; who is the Heavenly and Spiritual Man, does walk in the midst of his Golden Churches, Glory to God for ever, and he is known and seen to walk now in the midst of his Churches, *The General Assembly written in Heaven*, which are called the *Heavenly Jerusalem* ; who are the living members of him the living Head ; and he the living Shepherd that feeds with his living Bread, his Churches his People in the living Pastures of life, who walks in the midst of his Sheep his Church ; and his Sheep hear his Voice, and follow him ; and will not follow any of the flying Hirelings, nor climbing Thieves, that will not come in at the Door by the Light that Christ hath enlightened every man withal.

And also Christ stands at the Door and knocks ; and therefore Christ is nigh, when he stands at the Door of your Hearts and knocks with his Power, Light and Grace : For Christ saith, *Behold*, that is to say, take Notice, if you will regard, and will not be like the *Chief Priests* and *Pharisees*, that will not regard, *Behold*, sayes he, *I stand at the Door and knock, if any man* (mark, it's general) *hear my Voice, and open the Door,*

I will come in to him, and I will sup with him, and he with me;
 Rev. 3. 10.

Now you say and teach (that call Christ the Light that enlightens every man that comes into the world, *A Natural Light*) that there is no hearing Christ's Voice now adayes, and that is strange; cannot you hear his Voice, and he stands and knocks at the Door of your Hearts? what will you be just like your Fore-fathers the *Pharisees and Jews! Have Ears and hear not, Eyes and will not see, and Hearts and will not perceive,* I believe, if a man should knock at your Door, and tell you of a Benefice of a Thousand a Year, you could open your Doors soon enough, the Doors of your Ears, Minds and Spirits would be quickly enough open to that, to hear such an one: But Christ knocks at your Door, and you say and tell people, there is no hearing his Voice now adayes; no hearing of his Voice that faith, *Freely you have received, freely give.* Oh, this cuts self; it is no Wonder, if you will not hear his Voice: But how can you sup with Christ, and he with you the Heavenly Supper, except you hear his Voice, and open the Door of your Hearts, and Minds and Souls, and let him in, by turning from the Darkness to the Light, and from the Power of Satan unto God?

And how can you say, you are Ministers of Christ, and yet say, there is no hearing of his Voice, when he stands at the Door and knocks?

But are you not such, as run when God never sent you, and speak when God and Christ never spoke unto you, and yet you talk of Faith, and Grace, and the Spirit? And what a strange Doctrine is this, that there is no hearing of Christ by his Grace, which should teach them, and bring their Salvation; and by his Spirit, which he hath poured upon all Flesh; and by his Light with which he hath enlightened every one that cometh into the World, and bids them believe in the Light! May it not well be said, The Candle of you wicked is put out, who are dark indeed, and cannot see? And

And how can any such be Ministers of Christ, that own not Christ's Light, that lighteth every man that cometh into the World; who lights their Candles their Spirits, by believing in him the Light, and so they become Children of Light; who see the things of Christ the Heavenly and Spiritual Man, and of his Kingdom.

And we know that the Jews were against John, and said, He had a Devil, that came for a Witness to bear witness of the Light, and said, *That was the true Light that lighteth every one that cometh into the World, that through him every man might believe.* And so it is not strange, that such as profess themselves to be Preachers of Christ, and Christians should say now, that the true Light which lighteth every man that cometh into the World, *Is of the Devil, and the Quakers Idol, and Natural, and a Corrupt Conscience,* and the like; But Christ saith, *Believe in the Light while you have it,* shewing that people have the Light before they can believe in it, & therefore he exhorts them, *To believe in the Light that they may become Children of the Light;* so their Candle is lighted that believe in it: And such are they that preach Christ's Holy Kingdom, that see it and know it, and preach the Lord Jesus Christ, and not themselves, and warn People to Repentance, and Newness of Life, and turn them from Darkness to Light, and from the Power of Satan to God: And so the Light enlightens their Candles their Spirits, and they come to be Children of the Light, and of the Everlasting Day of Christ. And all that will not own Christ and his Light, that enlightens every man that comes into the World, but give bad Names to his Light, which is the Life in him, are Natural Men that know not the things of God, and follow their own Spirits, like the foolish Prophets, and see nothing; and lead People after them into Death and Darkness for means, as they did in the Dayes of the Jews: And do the Evil and have the Light, and will not come to it, because it will reprove them of their Evil Deeds; such Christ enlightens, but

it will be their Condemnation, for they put Darknes for Light, and Evil for Good, and they are the wicked, whose Candle is put out.

And in Rev. 18. 23. where *John* speaks of the Fall of Babylon, and saith, *That the Light of a Candle shall shine no more at all in her, to wit, Babylon, and the Voice of the Bridegroom, and of the Bride, shall be heard no more at all in her; this is Mystery Babylon, the Mother of all Harlots, and all Nations have drunk of her Cup, which sate upon the Beast, which all the World have worshipped, and made War with the Saints; and all the Blood of the Martyrs, Prophets and Saints is found in her. And this Mystery Babylon is not seen, but by them whose Candle is lighted by believing in the Light of Christ: For all the persecution of God's people is found in her and the Beast, yea, In her was found the Blood of all the Prophets, and of all the Saints that were slain upon the Earth; mark, in this Mystery Babylon Mother of Harlots. And this is the Spirit of the Beast and the Whore, that is whored from God and Christ, and his Faith, and Spirit, and Grace, and Truth; yet will have a profession of the Prophets Words, few like, and Christ's and the Apostles Words, and yet are out of the Power and Spirit that they were in, and persecute them that be in the same Power and Spirit, which the Prophets and Apostles were in. So all the Persecution of the Prophets and Saints, and Holy Men and Women of God, and the Blood of all the Saints is found in her: And though she may reach to Heaven, yet she must fall; and when she is fallen the Marriage of the Lamb is known, and the Saints sing Hallelujah. And it is said, The Light of a Candle shall shine no more at all in her, to wit, Mystery Babylon, nor the Voice of the Bridegroom and of the Bride shall be heard no more at all in her.*

Now all these Prophets and Saints, which were married to Christ Jesus, have called and warned the Whore, Beast and her Company; for did not *John* prophesie to Tongues and Nations? And is not the Gospel preach't to all Nations, Tongues and;

and People, which have been the Waters which the Whore sate upon? And Christ has called them by his Grace, Light, Power and Spirit to Repentance; but they would not repent: And has not the loud Voice gone forth, *Fear God and give Glory to him, and worship not the Beast, but worship God that made Heaven and Earth*; but they repented not: For it's said, *When the fourth Vial was poured out, men were scorched with great Heat, and they blasphemed, and repented not to give Glory to God. And when the fifth Angel poured out his Vial upon the Seat of the Beast, which the Beast and the Whore sate upon Mystery Babylon, the Beast's Kingdom was full of Darknes,* and they gnawed their Tongues for pain, & blasphemed the God of Heaven, because of their Pains and Sores, & they repented not. So went wilfully on to Destruction, the Beast Whore & its Worshipers. *Rev. 16. 9, 10, 11.*

Now, if they did not repent, they grieved God's good Spirit, which called them to Repentance, like the old World, and so the Beast that all the World worships, and the Whore that drinks the Blood of the Saints, and all the Nations drink of her Cup, who sits upon the Waters, which are Nations, Tongues and People. So this Beast, and Whore, and their Followers, are in the unrepented State, and such are they that hate the Light, which Christ hath lighted all that come into the World withal; and lighted them the Whore, and Beast, and their Worshipers, by which Light they might see their Evil Deeds, and the Abomination of their Filthiness, and Persecution; but they hate it, and therefore they are condemned with it, and go into the Fire with the Devil and his Angels, that are out of the Truth. And the Light of the Candle shall shine no more in *Babylon*, which has enlightned their Spirits, that they might see their Deeds and repent; but they repent not of their Evil Deeds; so they turned not to the Light, which would have lighted their Candle, and made it to shine; but they hating it, and turning from it, this Light of the Candle shall shine no more in *Babylon*, but be her Condemnation, and then is the

Candle of the Wicked put out. And then how can they hear the Voice of the Bridegroom, or the Bride the Wife of Christ his Church; that is married to him, when they will not hear the Voice of his Light, that would let them see their Evil Deeds and repent. But the Saints in Light that walk in that Light, have Fellowship in it, and with the Son, and with the Father, and they shall sing *Hallelujah*; *Rev. 19: And they shall say, True and Righteous are the Judgments of the Great God, that hath judged the Great Whore, that hath corrupted the Earth*: For Christ has died for all men, and all men have been and are enlightened by Christ, but they will not believe in it and repent: And the Gospel of Peace has been preached to all Nations, but they will not receive it; and therefore the Light is their Condemnation that hate it, which should enlighten their Spirits; and so they grow dark. So the Light of a Candle shall shine no more in *Babylon*, but be her Condemnation, though it be the Just Man's Path, which is as a *Shining Light*; *which shines more and more to the perfect Day*. And you may see, when that the Plagues and Woes were poured upon the Wicked in *Rev. 16. 20. 21.* yet repented not they of the Works of their Hands, that they should not worship Devils, and Idols of Gold, and Silver, and Brass, and Stone, and Wood, which neither could see, nor hear, nor speak, nor walk. And is there not too many of these found amongst Christians, besides what is found in the World, that worship such things, that do not repent and turn from them. Neither repented they of their Murders, nor of their Sorceries, nor of their Fornications, nor of their Thefts, as too many of those called Christians do not now. So these were enlightened by Christ to see their Evil Deeds; or else how could they be admonished to repent, or change, or turn from them; and therefore are they warned not to worship such things, nor follow such Evils, but to believe in the Light, and become Children of Light, and so to worship God in the Spirit and Truth, which the Devil is out of, and the Beast and the Whore that is a top
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So the Righteous God King over all the Earth, is just in his Judgments upon all such Rebels. And in *Rev. 2. 20.* there you may see how God and Christ gave *Jezebel*, that called herself a Prophetess, which was a Teacher, and seduced his Servants to eat things sacrificed to Idols; God gave this *Jezebel* a Space to repent of her Fornications, and she repented not.

Now this *Jezebel* might preach the Prophets, Christ's and the Apostles Words from *Genesis* to the *Revelations*, and Christ's Death and Resurrection, but in the unrepentant State.

Now she was enlightened to see what she was to repent of, and turn from, so she had her Space, her Time, her Visitation, as all men have before God brings his Judgments upon them; and their Candle is lighted by the light of Christ, that they may see what they should do, & what they should not do: And therefore God does reward every one according to their Works; and they that hate the Light their candle is put out, by joyning to the Evil and doing Evil, and not coming to the Light to light their candle with; but hating it, and erring from God's Spirit, which would keep it lighted, which Light would manifest their Evil Deeds and reprove them for it; therefore the Light is their Condemnation, which Light they should have believed in, and become children of. And therefore saith God concerning *Jezebel* that does not repent; *Behold, that is, take notice, I will cast her into a Bed, and them that commit Adultery with her into great Tribulation, except they repent; and I will kill her Children with*

Candle of the Wicked put out. And then how can they hear the Voice of the Bridegroom, or the Bride the Wife of Christ his Church; that is married to him, when they will not hear the Voice of his Light, that would let them see their Evil Deeds and repent. But the Saints in Light that walk in that Light, have Fellowship in it, and with the Son, and with the Father, and they shall sing *Hallelujah*; *Rev. 19: And they shall say, True and Righteous are the Judgments of the Great God, that hath judged the Great Whore, that hath corrupted the Earth*: For Christ has died for all men, and all men have been and are enlightened by Christ, but they will not believe in it and repent: And the Gospel of Peace has been preached to all Nations, but they will not receive it; and therefore the Light is their Condemnation that hate it, which should enlighten their Spirits; and so they grow dark. So the Light of a Candle shall shine no more in *Babylon*, but be her Condemnation, though it be the Just Man's Path, which is as a *Shining Light, which shines more and more to the perfect Day*. And you may see, when that the Plagues and Woes were poured upon the Wicked in *Rev. 16. 20. 21.* yet repented not they of the Works of their Hands, that they should not worship Devils, and Idols of Gold, and Silver, and Brasse, and Stone, and Wood, which neither could see, nor hear, nor speak, nor walk. And is there not too many of these found amongst Christians, besides what is found in the World, that worship such things, that do not repent and turn from them. Neither repented they of their Murders, nor of their Sorceries, nor of their Fornications, nor of their Thefts, as too many of those called Christians do not now. So these were enlightened by Christ to see their Evil Deeds; or else how could they be admonished to repent, or change, or turn from them; and therefore are they warned not to worship such things, nor follow such Evils, but to believe in the Light, and become Children of Light, and so to worship God in the Spirit and Truth, which the Devil is out of, and the Beast and the Whore that is a top

of him. And therefore if they do not repent, God is just in bringing all his Woes, Judgments and Plagues upon them, and judging them by the man Christ Jesus, according to the Gospel the Power of God, which is preached to every Creature under Heaven; and according to the Light which Christ has enlightened them; and every man withal; and according to the Grace of God which appeared unto all men; to teach them, and to bring their Salvation; but they walkt despitefully against the Spirit of Grace, and turned it into lasciviousness.

So the Righteous God King over all the Earth, is just in his Judgments upon all such Rebels. And in *Rev. 2. 20.* there you may see how God and Christ gave *Jezebel*, that called herself a Prophetess, which was a Teacher, and seduced his Servants to eat things sacrificed to Idols; God gave this *Jezebel* a Space to repent of her Fornications, and she repented not.

Now this *Jezebel* might preach the Prophets, Christ's and the Apostles Words from *Genesis* to the *Revelations*, and Christ's Death and Resurrection, but in the unrepentant State.

Now she was enlightened to see what she was to repent of, and turn from, so she had her Space, her Time, her Visitation, as all men have before God brings his Judgments upon them; and their Candle is lighted by the light of Christ, that they may see what they should do, & what they should not do: And therefore God does reward every one according to their Works; and they that hate the Light their candle is put out, by joyning to the Evil and doing Evil, and not coming to the Light to light their candle with; but hating it, and erring from God's Spirit, which would keep it lighted, which Light would manifest their Evil Deeds and reprove them for it; therefore the Light is their Condemnation, which Light they should have believed in, and become children of. And therefore saith God concerning *Jezebel* that does not repent: *Behold, that is, take notice, I will cast her into a Bed; and them that commit Adultery with her into great Tribulation; except they repent; and I will kill her Children with*

with Death, and all the Churches shall know that I am he, which searcheth the Reins and Hearts; and I will give to every one of you according to your Works. So there is a light in all people, which Christ enlightens them withal, that will let them see whether their Works be Good, or whether they be Evil; so that Christ who is the Righteousness of God, and will judge the World in Righteousness, he will judge them according to the light, which lets them see whatsoever they have done or spoken; so that every Tongue shall confess, that he is True and just in his Judgments, and will judge with Equity, and not condemn man for that which he hath not, but for that which he hath, and hath not obeyed, nor been faithful to it. And they that believe in the Light, as Christ commands, their Spirits their Candle is enlightned, and they become children of the Light; and are grafted into Christ, who is the first and last, and see him walk in the midst of his Churches, who is the Head of them, which the unrepentant and Haters of the Light, and Errers and Strayers from the Spirit are not like; For the True Church is come to Mount Zion, the City of the living God, the Heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable Company of Angels, to the General Assembly the Church of the first-born, and to God the Judge of all, and the Spirits of Just Men made Perfect, and to Jesus the Mediator of the New Covenant, and to the Flood of Sprinkling, that speaks better things then that of Abel: For the Blood of Abel cried for Vengeance against Cain, but the Blood of Christ cleanses from all Sin, and justifies. And so the Saints the Church that are in this New Covenant, and come to Jesus the Mediator of it betwixt them and God, they see him walk in the midst of his Churches his General Assembly, exercising his Offices, as a Shepherd to feed them, and a Counsellour to counsel them, and a Bishop to oversee them, and as a Prophet to open to them, whom they do hear, & as a Priest that offered up himself for them, and offers them up to God without Spot or Wrinkle, and as a King to rule them in their Hearts by Faith.

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And all they that quench, vex and grieve the Spirit of God, and rebel against it, and resist the Holy Ghost, that are erred from the Spirit of God; and likewise all they that turn the Grace of God, which has appeared unto all men to teach them, and bring their Salvation, into Wantonness, and walk despitefully against it. And also all they that are Haters of the Light, which is the Life in Christ the Word, which is the true Light, that lighteth every man that comes into the World; and all they that err from the Faith, and make Shipwreck of it and a good Conscience, are in the unrepented State, unconverted, untranslated and unregenerated; and Christ stands at the doors of such and knocks, and saith unto them, *Behold*, that is to say, Take notice,—*If any man will open unto me*, (to wit, any man of you all) *and hear my Voice, I will come in to him, and sup with him, and he shall sup with me.* Now there is no man opens to Christ and hears his Voice, but he joyns to the Spirit, Grace, Faith, and Light, and Truth in the inward parts; and turns at the Reproof of the Holy Ghost, which Christ hath sent; and with the Grace, Light, Truth and Spirit they let in Christ into their Hearts; For Christ is in his Saints, and dwells in his Saints, and they are Reprobates that Christ is not in; therefore examine your selves, though you may make a Profession from *Genesis* to the *Revelations* of Christ's, & his Prophets and Apostles words; yet, if Christ be not in you, you are Reprobates. So he stands at your Doors and knocks, so you cannot say but that Christ does visit you, when he stands at your Doors and knocks, and tells if any man hear his Voice, and open the Door, he will come in you, & sup with him; so you are all left without excuse in the day that he judges you, and none can plead Ignorance, but they have been warned; yea, none of the House of *Adam* in the Fall, for Christ hath enlightened them all, and his Grace has appeared unto them all, and he has poured out of his Spirit upon all Flesh. For the first man *Adam* was made of the Earth earthly, the second man is the Lord from Heaven: the first man was made a living;

living Soul, the second man is a quickning Spirit. Now all being in the Fall of *Adam*, and *Adam* and his whole House being fallen from the Image of God into Sin and Darkness, Christ the second *Adam* died for them all, and enlightens them all, & the Grace of God which bringeth Salvation hath appeared to them all; and God has poured out his Spirit upon all Flesh, & Christ is a quickning Spirit: All they that believe in the Light their Spirits their Candle is enlightened, and they know Christ a quickning Spirit, this Spiritual Heavenly man; And they that do not believe in the Light, but hate it, and grieve the Spirit, and turn his Grace into Wantonness, and walk despitefully against it, the Candles of them Wicked are put out. And here Christ is just and true in his judgments upon the World, who judges them in Equity, according to the Spirit that is poured upon all, and the Grace which hath appeared unto all, and the Light of Christ which has enlightened all; and Christ dyed for all, and what could God have done more for the ungodly world, who is just and righteous, and true in all his judgments? And all that walk in the Spirit, and believe in the Light, and in his Grace, it reaches them, and brings their Salvation, and that follow Christ from whence the Grace comes in the Belief in his Light, have everlasting Life; and here is God's Love to the World, *That whosoever believes on him shall not perish but have Everlasting Life*; for they that perish, perish for not believing in the Son, whom God has sent in his Love, who enlightens them all with a true and saving Light, which is the Life in him the Word; and bids them believe in the Light, that they may be grafted into him the Root. And so they are not grafted into Christ, because of Unbelief; & though Christians may say, they believe in Christ, and the *Jews* may say, they believe in God, and the *Deafish* to come, yet if they do not believe in the Light, as Christ has commanded; which is the life in the word, by which all things were made and created, they are not grafted into Christ the life.

THE END.

